Plan Outlay and Expenditure on Slum Development, Housing etc.

1358. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of plan outlay and expenditure on different heads like slum development, housing, public transport, roads, water, sanitation, electricity, maintenance of public health, education, etc. for Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras during the current plan period;

(b) the gap between the demand and supply on each head, city-wise separately; and

(c) the plan for development and the money required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Commercial Plots/Shops to Squatters

1359. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation dated the 5th November, 1996 from Rehri Khoka Patri Union, Kalyanpuri, Delhi for allotment of Commercial plots/shops to eligible commercial squatters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any Supreme Court Direction for allotment of shops/kiosks to eligible squatters; and

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to protect eligible squatters from harassment by corrupt officials/police/tours, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) To improve the quality of life and solve the problems of the Slum dwellers, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi is implementing the following three pronged strategy:—

(i) Re-location/resettlement of eligible JJ Dwellers from the land urgently required for public projects;

(ii) Provision of minimum basic amenities in the JJ Clusters which are situated on such public land as are earmarked for public projects but not immediately required for implementation; and

(iii) in-situ upgradation of identified JJ Clusters situated on public and which are not earmarked for any project and are not required in the forseable future after obtaining No Objection Certificate from the land owning agencies.

KBK Project in Orissa

1360. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount released till date to the Government of Orissa under KBK project, a special project for the districts of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to cancel the project, as reported in the Oriya Newspaper "Samaj" dated the 14th November, 1996; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) The details of the amount released till date since 1995-96 under KBK Project to the erstwhile Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput districts of Orissa by the Ministry is given at statement (*see* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Release of Central Assistance to KBK Districts of Orissa during 1996-97 under Various Schemes (Rs. in Lakhs)

Scheme	1995-96	1996-97
EAS	3610.00	3080.00
JRY*		2460.72
IAY	6324.06	1456.73
MWS		571.23
IRDP	819.62	410.50
DWCRA	73.18	26.46
DPAP	230.33	—
TOOLKITS	85.86	7.10
NSAP		500.10
TRYSEM	43.46	23.44
WATER SUPPLY	1145.01	1463.18
TOTAL	12331.52	9999.46

*IAY and MWS were sub-schemes of JRY during 1995-96.

Resale of Oil Exploration and Development Blocks by Awardee Companies

1361. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil exploration and development blocks awarded by Government to small and medium companies are being sold by them at a premium;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which the oil exploration and development blocks have been resold by the allottee companies;

(c) the considerations which weighed with Government to award the oil exploration and development blocks to these companies and the conditions, if any, on which contracts were awarded and

(d) what action has been taken by Government for the resale of awarded oil exploration and development blocks by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of such selling by companies. However, the contracts provide for assignment or transfer of a part or all of its participating interest by companies with approval of Government. In the case of KG-OS-90/ block such re-assignment/transfer has been allowed by Government.

(c) The reasons for offering the oil exploration blocks and discovered oil and gas fields for private participation include:

(i) Marginal economics of some of the fields.

(ii) Low reserves of the small fields offered.

(iii) To augment total investment in exploration and development.

(iv) To help augment the oil/gas production by way of quickly putting these fields on production.

(v) For the application of enhanced oil recovery processes.

(vi) To induct the latest managerial and technological practices.

The salient terms and conditions on which exploration blocks and discovered oil & gas fields have been awarded are as under:—

The contracts of exploration blocks are Production sharing contracts with a contract period in case of crude oil and associated gas, of upto 25 years. Companies are exempted from payment of bonuses and statutory levies. The Government of India would have the first right of refusal in respect of the oil produced under these contracts, with companies being paid for their share of oil at international prices. Provision for participation by ONGC/OIL in the venture at the exploration and/or the development stage has been made and ONGC/OIL can take a participating interest of 30% to 40% in the venture.